

RESPONSE**A. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-36 were pending at the time of the Restriction Requirement. Claims 24-28 have been amended herein to correct a potential antecedent basis issue caused by a typographical error in the original claims. Claims 29-36 have been canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer, as being drawn to a non-elected invention in view of the election of the Group I invention made below in response to the Restriction Requirement. Therefore, claims 1-28 are pending and presently under consideration in the case.

B. Response to Restriction Requirement

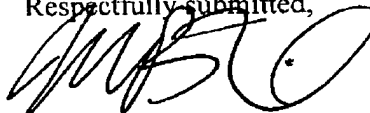
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, *without traverse*, to prosecute the Group I invention, as exemplified by claims 1-28, drawn to a matrix, implant, and method of making the same, wherein the implant comprises both a first peptide cleavable by natural proteases and a second cell-attracting peptide. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the Group II or III claims, or any other claims supported by the specification, in any continuing application.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believe this paper to be a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 11, 2008. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this case in view of the above comments and amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3035.

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